



NOVEMBER 2024

# Messenger

## ***First English Lutheran Church***

*Connected in Christ, we grow in faith, live with hope, and reach out to share God's love with others.*

### Some Trust in Chariots

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. Psalm 20:7-8 (NIV)*

The national election is upon us after two long years of a distressing presidential campaign.

Both political parties have employed fear-based rhetoric. We've gotten caught up in it. We could rephrase the above verses, "Some trust in Republicans and some trust in Democrats. We'd rather trust in the name of the LORD our God, but it's difficult. What if we're brought to our knees and fall?"

As a "purple" congregation, our votes will be split quite evenly between the two main political parties. That means 40-60% of us will be thrilled by the results of the election, and 40-60% will be devastated. How will we maintain unity as the members of Christ's Body?

We will remember the TRUTH from God's Word. I invite you to consistently ponder Isaiah 40 and 41 for the next month or two. Here's a sampling from those two chapters:

Do you not know? Have you not heard? God sits enthroned above the circle of the earth...God stretches out the heavens like a canopy. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

"To whom will you compare me, or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. "So do not fear for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

And Psalm 46:10-11: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

Convinced of this,  
Pastor Cheryl



# About FELC...

## First English Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Office Hours: 8am-3:30pm M - Th, Closed Fridays

Sunday Worship is at 9:30am w/Communion & FB Live, then YouTube @ 11:15am

*~ Every Sunday We Celebrate the Resurrection ~*



### The Staff at FELC...

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# Birthday, Anniversary, & Baptism...

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Joe Fraundorf  
Steven DeMunck  
11/2 Leanne Pearson  
Rochelle Grossbier  
11/6 Dale Tracy  
11/7 Trent Waltenberg  
Ellie Look  
11/9 Aaron Zelin  
Ainsley Barnett  
11/10 Jaimee K-Dallman  
11/12 Marilyn Herzberg  
Amy Hafermann  
11/13 Nate Koch  
11/16 Jean Leslie  
11/18 John Engelen  
Sue Ulrich  
11/19 Dave Alft  
11/20 Luke Hafermann  
Jacob Barnett  
11/21 Amalia Maher  
11/22 Robert Kublank  
Rhonda Kehrberg

11/25 Andy DeWitt  
Delilah Zelin  
11/26 Keith Olson  
11/29 Dave Ullrich  
Dave Graczkowski  
11/30 Josh Hafermann

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARYS


11/3 John & Jordan Chambers  
11/14 Dave & Janet Graczkowski  
11/22 Dave & Lois Christensen

## NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

11/? Charlie Maciejewski  
11/26 Daisy Saylor  
Tommy Saylor  
Wesley Saylor



# NOVEMBER 2024

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 3 8am Confirmation<br>9:30a Worship w/SS<br><br>11am New Member<br>Class<br><b>All Saints Sunday</b>                         | 4<br><br><br>Pastor Off  | 5 7am Yoga<br>3pm GLOW<br><b>ELECTION DAY!</b> | 6 10am Bible Zoom<br>2:45pm River Run<br>4pm Confirmation<br>4:30pm Chosen<br>7pm Choir                                       | 7 7am Yoga   | 1 8am Men's Bible Zoom<br>Pastor works @ home<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>All Saints Day | 2<br><br><br>Fall back one hour<br>tonight   |
| 10 8am Confirmation<br>9:30am Worship w/SS<br><br>11am New Member<br>Class   | 11<br><br><br>Pastor Off | 12 7am Yoga<br><br>3pm GLOW                    | 13 10am Bible Zoom<br>10:30am SHINE<br>12pm Finance Mtg<br>1pm Quilters<br>1:45pm Wellington<br>4pm Confirmation<br>7pm Choir | 14 7am Yoga  | 8 8am Men's Bible Zoom<br>Pastor works @ home<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED                   | 9  |
| 17 8am Confirmation<br>9:30am Worship w/SS<br><br>11am New Member<br>Class<br><b>OCC Shoebox Dedication</b><br>Pledge Sunday | 18<br><br><br>Pastor Off | 19 7am Yoga<br><br>3pm GLOW<br>6pm Council Mtg | 20 10am Bible Zoom<br>2:45pm River Run<br>4pm Confirmation<br>7pm Choir   | 21 7am Yoga<br><br>5:15pm Christ Ed Mtg  | 15 8am Men's Bible Zoom<br>Pastor works @ home<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED                  | 16   |
| 24 8am Confirmation<br>9:30am Worship w/SS<br>& Thanksgiving Pie<br>Social to follow<br><br>11am Worship<br>11am New Member  | 25<br><br><br>Pastor Off | 26 7am Yoga<br><br>NO GLOW                     | 27 10am Bible Zoom<br>1pm Quilters<br>1:45pm Wellington<br>4pm Confirmation<br>7pm Choir                                      | 28 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b><br> | 22 8am Men's Bible Zoom<br>Pastor works @ home<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED                  | 23<br><b>The Best Christmas Pageant Ever</b><br>Movie at Rogers' Cinema                          |
|  |                          |  |   |  | 29 8am Men's Bible Zoom<br>Pastor Off<br><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                    | 30<br><br><br> |

# Writer's Corner...

## Our Daily Bread

By Robyn Austin

At least once a week – without fail – we pray the Lord's Prayer. But sometimes we get so used to praying it that we end up *reciting* it instead. Do we ever stop to think that we're merely asking God to provide us our "daily bread" – our daily needs – and nothing more than that? Could we live with just what we *need*?

This fall, like usual, Mother Nature hit our country with a variety of tropical storms and hurricanes. And this year, at least two big ones that caused extensive flooding and damage and led to power outages and destruction of homes, business, even national treasures.

I personally am grateful I got to spend a week in the Asheville, N.C., last year – including a day at the impressive and historic Biltmore Estate – before this year's storm put the city and an extravagant piece of history under water. You can't take anything for granted – even after a century.

My heart goes out to the millions in the Southeast who lost what we would consider our daily bread – our necessities: Shelter, water, food, clothing, electricity, and more.

I feel blessed to be part of a church and community who immediately rallied to send aid to the victims. Semi-trucks parked around town were quickly filled with donations of water, blankets, and clothing. It's amazing how caring and selfless we can be when responding to a crisis.

Galatians 6:2 instructs, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Christians tend to respond to disasters by extending hands of help, offering prayers, and providing comfort to those in need. But what about the disasters that don't make national headlines?

Each year, as the holidays approach, we get a wake-up call about the growing population of people in our own community trying to get by without their daily bread. And the many opportunities we have to band together – like we do with natural disasters – to help those suffering personal disasters.

The Red Kettle, our Charlie Brown tree, Operation Christmas Child, and more. These are evidence of the growing needs of many of our neighbors.

Let's enter Gratitude Month with appreciation for our daily bread and see how we can respond with faith, hope, and love to those who go without.





# GOD ROCKS!



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

### What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.

## Coloring Page...



What does the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

COOKIE SHEETS!



## Showtime!

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Saturday, November 23

At Rogers Cinema

Wisconsin Rapids

Watch the Bulletin Board to sign up



# Happenings...

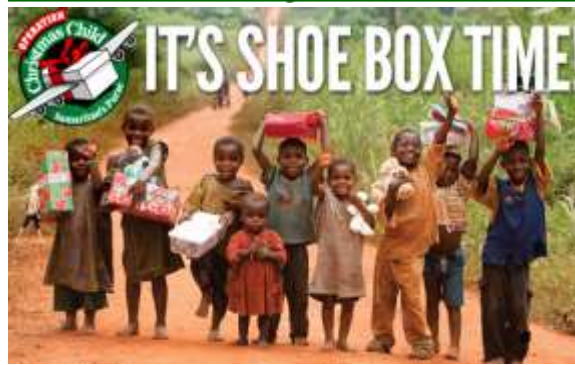


**November 3rd**  
Daylight Savings Ends



**We're celebrating Thanksgiving~ Sunday, November 24th with fellowship, pie, and coffee after the 9:30am Worship. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! Safe travels!**

## *Operation Christmas Child*



### OCC Shoebox Dedication

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please spread Jesus' love by filling a shoebox for children in need. Bring back filled box by Sunday, December 17th for the Shoebox Dedication and Prayer!

*An anonymous donor will match up to 25 boxes over 50 boxes brought in! Let's get to 75 boxes!!!*



### **Poinsettias at the Altar**

To honor or remember our loved ones at Christmas.

Put in your Wunrow's order by 12/11/24

Or bring in your own by 12/23/24

In memory \_\_\_ or in honor \_\_\_ of

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_red, \_\_\_white @ \$21.00/each - Wunrow's

\_\_\_bringing in my own.

***Thank you - Merry Christmas!***





# THANK YOU

To those who helped on semi-loading day. **Great job!**

We had a great crew who unloaded cars, then packed the semi with 1,163 boxes of quilts and school/health kits from 29 churches in Central Wisconsin.

FELC: 143 Quilts made  
131 Health Kits  
166 School Kits

Nice work Quilters, folks at GWOH's Sunday, and those who brought in supplies!!!



## *First English Lutheran Church's Christmas Eve Worship*

*With Holy Communion  
Tuesday, December 24th, 2024  
1:00pm & 4:00pm*

*All are welcome  
here*



*All Saints Sunday 11/4/24 - In memory of those we loved...*



**Charlotte Groshek**  
11/5/23



**Charlotte Twombly**  
12/17/23



**Karen Kienert**  
12/27/23



**William Risinger**  
1/22/24



**James Johnson**  
1/28/24



**Joan Joseph**  
1/3/24



**Elaine Williams**  
3/18/24



**Del Sweeney**  
5/12/24



**Pam Fryman**  
5/16/24



**Edythe Gukenberger**  
6/17/24



**Karin Blaser**  
6/20/24



**Ione Slowinski**  
7/4/24



**Bob Votava**  
9/3/24



**Miguel Velazquez**  
9/24/24



**William Allen**  
9/27/24



**David Laspa**  
10/5/24

**Dawn Duchow**  
10/30/24

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